

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellant(s): Kazama, Toshio
Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.
Title: Conductive Contact Member Having A Contact Surface Protected From Solder Deposition
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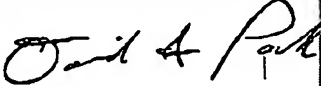
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VIII. CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Appellant respectfully submits that the rejection of pending Claims 1-2 and 4-10 is unfounded. Accordingly, Appellant requests that the rejection of Claims 1-2 and 4-10 be reversed.

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